

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended as follows:

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Paragraph [0047] has been amended as follows:

[0047] By the way, for example, it is configured such that the high-lift cam 20 lifts the first intake valve 9 and the second intake valve 11 by a large amount, the first low-lift ~~cam 20 lifts~~ cam 10 lifts the first intake valve 9 by a slightly smaller amount as compared with the high-lift cam 20, and the second low-lift cam 12 lifts the second intake valve 11 by a much smaller amount as compared with the high-lift cam 20.

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Paragraph [0057] has been amended as follows:

[0057] As shown in FIG. 8, since the notches 16 are formed at the upper part of the pistons 14, the return springs 17 are arranged at locations deviated from the axes of the pistons 14. Thus, when the pistons 14 rotate about the axes thereof, the return springs 17 cannot apply force as designed. Therefore, in the illustrated embodiment, as shown in FIGS. 6 and 7, mechanisms for stopping the rotation of the pistons 14 are provided.

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Paragraph [0063] has been amended as follows:

[0063] The notch surfaces 15 are formed to reach middle parts of the cylindrical parts 15, and the pins 36 prevent the pistons 14 from falling off. As shown in FIGS. 2 and

8, in the cylinder parts 8 of the first rocker arms 5 and the third rocker arm 6, the bosses 35 are formed in the same direction, the notch surfaces 34 of the pistons 14 are formed in the same direction, and the pins 36 are arranged parallel with each other. Therefore, the pistons 14 of the first rocker arm 5 and the third rocker arm 6 can be shared to reduce costs required for parts and prevent erroneous assembly.

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Paragraph [0082] has been amended as follows:

[0082] Further, since the pressurized oil pushed out from the accumulator 45 is sent to the oil control valve 43 without passing through the second filter 46, pressurized pressure oil can be supplied with a high responsiveness to the oil channel 18 of the rocker shaft 2 without being affected by pressure loss in pressurized oil flowing through the second filter 46.